



Community Health Charities of Washington State members support a wide variety of health concerns. We are at the forefront of scientific research as well as patient care, public programs, professional education, advocacy, and community services. The new millennium promises medical discoveries unmatched in human history; we turn promises into life-saving realities.

Health Statistics in Washington State and the U.S.

- **12 out of every 100,000 Washingtonians** has been diagnosed with **HIV or AIDS** in the past year, adding up to about 700 new cases. The total population of people living with HIV/AIDS in the United States is estimated as of 2003 at 950,000.
- **Alzheimer's Disease** diagnoses are expected to increase 44% in the U.S. by 2025. Today, the direct and indirect costs of caring for Americans with Alzheimer's disease are at least \$100 billion annually. By giving to organizations like the Alzheimer's Association, you can help offset the costs for medications, research, and home healthcare.
- An estimated **20.8 million children and adults** in the United States have diabetes. While only 14.6 million have been diagnosed, an estimated 6.2 million are unaware that they have the disease. Your donations go toward research, much-needed transplants, and the search for a cure.
- **Heart disease and stroke** are the #1 and #3 causes of death in the United States. By supporting organizations such as the American Heart Association, you can help fund education and research that will lessen the impact of coronary heart disease which affects about 13.2 million Americans every year.
- **Approximately 10 %** of people residing in Washington State lack any type of health insurance, even including Medicaid and Medicare. With the rising costs of healthcare, this need can only be met through your generous support.



Participating Nonprofits:

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| AIDS Research Foundation | Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America, Pac NW |
| ALS Association Evergreen Chapter | NAMI (National Alliance for the Mentally Ill) |
| Alzheimer's Association, Western and Central WA | National Headache Foundation |
| AMC Cancer Research Center | National Hemophilia Foundation |
| American Cancer Society, Great West Division | National Hospice and Palliative Care Org |
| American Diabetes Association, Washington | National Mental Health Association |
| American Hearing Research Foundation | National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Greater WA |
| American Heart Assoc - Pacific Mountain Affiliate | National Parkinson Foundation |
| American Kidney Fund | National Spinal Cord Injury Association |
| American Liver Foundation | National Stroke Association |
| American Lung Association of Washington | Parkinson's Disease Foundation |
| American Parkinson Disease Association | Prevent Blindness America |
| Arthritis Foundation Washington/Alaska Chapter | Research to Prevent Blindness |
| Cancer Research Institute | Sickle Cell Disease Association of America |
| Children's Tumor Foundation | SIDS Alliance/First Candle |
| Cooley's Anemia Foundation Inc. | SIDS Foundation of Washington |
| Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America | Spina Bifida Association of America |
| Cystic Fibrosis Foundation -Washington Chapter | St. Jude Children's Research Hospital |
| Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance | Tourette Syndrome Association |
| Easter Seals Washington | United Cerebral Palsy Associations |
| Endometriosis Association | Washington Poison Center |
| Epilepsy Foundation | Research to Prevent Blindness |
| Group Health Community Foundation | Sickle Cell Disease Association of America |
| Huntington's Disease Society of America | SIDS Alliance/First Candle |
| Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation -NW Chapter | SIDS Foundation of Washington |
| Leukemia & Lymphoma Society - WA/AK Chapter | Spina Bifida Association of America |
| Lupus Foundation of America, Pacific NW Chapter | St. Jude Children's Research Hospital |
| March of Dimes Washington Chapter | Tourette Syndrome Association |
| Muscular Dystrophy Association Washington | United Cerebral Palsy Associations |